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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 22, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.